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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 1974, at 12 o'clock noon.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. METCALF).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Edward L. R. Elson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O Lord God of this new day, as the dawn has grown into the fullness of the morning, so let Thy light banish all doubt and fear that we may find and follow Thy purpose throughout this day. Help us to use its precious hours in a manner Thou canst bless and hallow with Thy presence. May we be strong to do things worth doing and strong in turning away from the unworthy, the base, and the trivial. In these times requiring greatness, may our dedication to Thee be complete. And, finally, in our work give us the joy of those who are workers together with Thee for a world redeemed and made ready for Thy coming kingdom.

In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, March 21, 1974, be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING SENATE SESSION

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all committees may be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Sen-

ate will now resume the consideration of the unfinished business S. 1541, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

S. 1541, to provide for the reform of congressional procedures with respect to the enactment of fiscal measures; to provide ceilings on Federal expenditures and the national debt; to create a budget committee in each House; to create a congressional office of the budget, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The pending question is on agreeing to the Nelson-Mondale amendment No. 1046 which the clerk will state.

The second assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

On page 107, on line 6, beginning with the word "The", strike everything through the word "completed," on line 19, and insert the following: "Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"8. (a) The Committee on the Budget shall consist of fifteen members.

"(b) For purposes of paragraph 6, service of a Senator as a member of the Committee on the Budget shall not be taken into account.

"(c) (1) Membership on the Committee on the Budget shall be divided into three classes with five seats in each class. The members first elected to the committee shall, by lot, determine the class to which their seats are assigned. Thereafter, members elected to the committee shall be elected to a seat in one of the three classes.

"(2) A member serving on the committee in a seat of the first class during the Ninety-fifth Congress, or during any third Congress following the Ninety-fifth Congress, shall not be eligible to serve on the committee during the Congress following such Ninety-fifth Congress or following any such third Congress, as the case may be.

"(3) A member serving on the committee in a seat of the second class during the Ninety-sixth Congress, or during any third Congress following the Ninety-sixth Congress, shall not be eligible to serve on the committee during the Congress following such Ninety-sixth Congress or following any such third Congress, as the case may be.

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"(4) A member serving on the committee in a seat of the third class during the Ninety-seventh Congress, or during any third Congress following the Ninety-seventh Congress, shall not be eligible to serve on the committee during the Congress following such Ninety-seventh Congress or following any such third Congress, as the case may be."

ROUTINE MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, separate and apart from the unanimous-consent agreement, there be a brief period for the transaction of routine morning business, with statements therein limited to 3 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. For how long a period?

Mr. MANSFIELD. I said a brief period. Fifteen minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. Is there any morning business?

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The second assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday next.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.